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SUBJ: PROPOSED JOINT SEMINAR ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT

1. EMBASSY SENT LETTER DATED 28 AUGUST TO NEW MINISTER OF STATE, PLAN AND BUDGET ORGANIZATION (PBO), MEHRAN, (COPY POUCHED TO DR. LUKE LEE, OES/ENP/PO) PROPOSING U.S. PARTICIPATION IN GOI POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. SCIATT THEN MET WITH DR. FARROKH AMINZADEH, DIRECTOR OF POPULATION AND MANPOWER BUREAU OF PBO, AS FOLLOW-UP TO AFFIRMATIVE REACTION BY MINISTER TO EMBASSY LETTER WHICH INCLUDED SUGGESTION OF JOINT U.S./IRAN SEMINAR.

2. DR. AMINZADEH RECOMMENDS THAT SEMINAR ON DEMOGRAPHIC ASPECTS OF IRANIAN POPULATION GROWTH IN CONTEXT OF IRAN'S SOCIOECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, BE HELD WITH PARTICIPATION BY U.S. AND IRANIAN EXPERTS IN FIELD, THIS DECEMBER. PBO WILL COORDINATE ONE WEEK SEMINAR AT WHICH PAPERS WILL BE GIVEN BY U.S. AND IRANIAN EXPERTS ON SUCH SUBJECTS AS: SOCIAL IMPACT OF POPULATION GROWTH IN IRAN AND POPULATION GROWTH AND DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS (TWO DAYS); RURAL POPULATION GROWTH PROBLEMS INCLUDING POPULATION AND FAMILY PLANNING (ONE DAY; TRAINING TO INCLUDE ANALYSIS OF DEMOGRAPHIC DATA AND TRENDS. ECONOMIST/DEMOGRAPHER EXPERTS WILL BE INVITED

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TO DISCUSS HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT, AND OTHER URBANIZATION PROBLEMS (TWO DAYS) WHICH ARE MAJOR CONCERNS TO GOI. AMINZADEH IDENTIFIED THE FOLLOWING TO BE AMONG PREFERRED PARTICIPANTS: UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA CENTER FOR POPULATION STUDIES (R. KENNY BURNS AND COLLEAGUES); PRINCETON UNIVERSITY POPULATION STUDIES GROUP; AND, POPULATION COUNCIL (FRED SHORTER AND PAUL DEMENEY AMONG

OTHERS). FROM IRAN'S SIDE REPRESENTATION WOULD INCLUDE PAHLAVI UNIVERSITY, TEHRAN'S INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, ISFAHAN'S POPULATION CENTER, MINISTRY OF HEALTH, AND FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION OF IRAN. OBSERVERS FROM CENCO AND FROM IRAN'S PROVINCES AS WELL AS FROM AID, UNFPA, WPS AND ILO WOULD BE INVITED BY PBO TO ATTEND SEMINAR. EMBASSY ALSO RECOMMENDS INVITATION BE SENT TO UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, DEPT OF BIOSTATISTICS.

3. PBO WILL HOST SEMINAR AND COORDINATE WITHIN IRAN PARTICIPATION OF APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS. PBO WILL PAY ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS WHILE U.S. WOULD FINANCE ITS OWN SPEAKERS FOR COSTS OF TRAVEL AND LIVING EXPENSES.

4. EMBASSY PROPOSES TO INDICATE DEPARTMENT WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS BILATERAL SEMINAR WITHIN THE GUIDELINES OF THE U.S.-IRAN JOINT COMMISSION DISCUSSIONS TO DATE. WITH DEPARTMENT CONCURRENCE, EMBASSY WILL NOTIFY PBO'S AMINZADEH AND MINISTER MEHRAN OF U.S. AFFIRMATIVE DECISION AND ANY PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE MADE. SEMINAR SPEAKERS AND PROGRAM WILL BE DEFINED BY PBO AND U.S. PARTICIPANTS.

5. EMBASSY IS INTERESTED IN ABILITY AND DESIRE OF U.S. EXPERTS TO PREPARE REMARKS FOR A DECEMBER UNCLASSIFIED

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CONFERENCE IN TEHRAN WITH FINANCING TO BE PROVIDED BY APPROPRIATE AGENCY OR AGENCIES OUTSIDE OF IRAN.

6. EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS BILATERAL SEMINAR MAY PAVE THE WAY FOR FURTHER GOI ACTIONS TO HELP REDUCE IRAN'S POPULATION GROWTH RATE IN PART THROUGH AN IMPROVED UNDERSTANDING OF FAMILY PLANNING, RELATED SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, AND DEMOGRAPHIC TREND ANALYSIS. SULLIVAN

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